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Method and Apparatus For Managing Publication and Sharing Of Data

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A first user is designated as an eligible shared data contributor. An
authorized service component of the eligible shared data contributor is designated
as a shared data publishing component. A data publication is defined. The eligible
shared data contributor tags data managed by said the publishing component for
inclusion with the data publication. A second user is designated as an eligible
shared data subscriber. The second user is associated as a subscriber of the data
publication. The first user contributes to the data managed by the publishing
component, and the second user is allowed access to the data managed by the
15 publishing component based on the second user's subscription to the data
publication. The first and second users may or may not be of the same licensee
organization, thereby allowing intra as well as extra-organizational sharing of data.